

25 November 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT : Manpower Utilization

1. Attached is the information requested in your memorandum of 18 November 1955 on the above subject.

2. In submitting this information, I feel compelled to make the following general observation. The scientific and technological capabilities of the Soviet Union are generally recognized as the most important long-range national intelligence objectives. This conclusion is supported by the Technological Capabilities Panel, by the Hoover Commission and by many key officials in the Government, including the President. The National Intelligence Objectives, as promulgated in DCID 4/5, clearly recognize many applications of science and technology under highest priority objectives. In the face of such responsibilities, O/SI has an on-duty strength of [REDACTED]. It is one of the smaller offices in the DD/I area and is exceeded in size several fold by OO and O/RR. Under such conditions, I do not see how any part of a 10% personnel cut that might be imposed upon the Agency can be arbitrarily transferred to O/SI on a percentage basis as occurred, for example, in the ceiling freeze of last August. On the contrary, I feel that the time may be approaching when the manpower available in the DD/I area must be surveyed, analyzed and reassigned in terms of the priority functions assigned to the various offices. Under such analysis, I feel O/SI would justify a substantial increase in its present ceiling.

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